After OAS Action

The quarantine imposed on the shipment of offensive Cuba weapons to 2000 has been authorized by a vote of the Organ of Consultation under the Rio Treaty. This measure has been taken by a regional organization consistently with Article 52 of the United Nations Charter, which recognizes the functioning of regional arrangements and agencies in matters which are appropriate for regional action. The measure of quarantine voted by the Organ of Consultation does not constitute "enforcement action" within the meaning of Article 53. As the language and structure of the Charter show, and the International Court of Justice has indicated. !enforcement action is obligatory and binding action. The OAS resolution is clearly recommendatory in character. No authorization from the Jecurity Council is required.